

## 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board of Scientific Counselors of the NIH Clinical Center

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

### 2. Fiscal Year

2018

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Board of Scientific Counselors of the NIH Clinical Center

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

225

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

02/11/1998

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

### 8c. Actual Term Date

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority

Authorized by Law

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 282(b)(16)

### 13. Effective Date

11/20/1985

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

### 17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 1 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 1

#### Purpose

Peer Review of Intramural Laboratories/Programs

#### Start

06/15/2018

#### End

- 06/15/2018

### Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$170,163.00	\$173,396.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$800.00	\$800.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$4,085.00	\$4,123.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$2,960.00	\$2,993.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$179,208.00	\$182,512.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

This Board assesses the quality of the Center's intramural research programs and evaluates the productivity and performance of staff scientists, necessary functions for the operation of a highly effective intramural research program. The Board is composed of scientific and technical experts, that are nationally recognized in their field of study. The Board provides indispensable evaluation and advisory functions in the science management of the intramural research programs.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Board consists of outstanding authorities knowledgeable in the sub-specialized fields of clinical medicine. The advisory role of the Board is scientific and substantive. The Board, through periodic visits to the laboratories, assesses the research in progress and evaluates productivity and performance of staff scientists.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Board generally meets twice annually to evaluate one or more Clinical Center departments each visit, for the peer review of intramural laboratories on a rotating basis as required by the PHS Act. The Board met once during FY18 for a full Board meeting to review the overall balance of research areas across all Clinical Center departments.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

This Board is composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities from outside the NIH in order to secure unbiased and objective evaluation of intramural research programs. Their recommendations are invaluable because the complex nature of research in each laboratory requires a unique balance and breadth of expertise not available on the NIH staff or from other established resources.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

The meeting of the Board was closed for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual programs and projects conducted by the Clinical Center, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, the competence of individual investigators, and similar items, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Section 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act permits the closing of meetings where discussion could reveal personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

## 21. Remarks

Committee Function: Other - Scientific and Technical Peer Review. The DFO and Committee Decision Maker positions are held by the same individual based on assigned duties within the Clinical Center. Reports: This committee did not produce any reports during this fiscal year. Members: Dr. Baker resigned, Drs. Mahmood and Chae were reappointed.

### Designated Federal Officer

JOHN I. GALLIN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
ARCHER, GORDON	01/23/2015	06/30/2018	SENIOR ASSOCIATE DEAN	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
BAKER, CAROL	01/09/2017	01/30/2018	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
CHAE, JOHN	06/28/2015	06/30/2019	CHAIRPERSON	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
JOFFE, STEVEN	01/09/2017	06/30/2021	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
MAHMOOD, UMAR	10/15/2017	06/30/2020	DIRECTOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
NEPTUNE, ENID	02/04/2018	06/30/2021	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 6**

### Narrative Description

The goal of NIH research is to acquire new knowledge to help prevent, detect, diagnose, and treat disease and disability, from the rarest genetic disorder to the common cold. The NIH mission is to uncover new knowledge that will lead to better health for everyone. NIH works toward that mission by conducting research in its own laboratories. Section 402(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act states that the Director, NIH...shall assure that research at...the National Institutes of Health is subject to review in accordance with section 492. Section 492(b) states that the Director of NIH shall establish procedures for periodic technical and scientific peer review of research at the National Institutes of Health. This Board assesses the quality of the Institute intramural research programs and evaluates the productivity and performance of staff scientists, necessary functions for the operation of a highly effective intramural research program.

### What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other

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### Outcome Comments

NA

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None

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Unable to Determine

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Under \$100,000

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\$100,000 - \$500,000

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\$500,001 - \$1,000,000

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\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000

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\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000

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Over \$10,000,000

☐

Cost Savings Other

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### Cost Savings Comments

NIH supported basic and clinical research accomplishments often take many years to unfold into new diagnostic tests and new ways to treat and prevent diseases.

### What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

27

### Number of Recommendations Comments

The Board met once in FY18 to discuss the reviews done in the last four years and to discuss and recommend overall balance of research areas across all of Clinical Centers Departments.

### What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

### % of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Information on the research funded by NIH is available through the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website. RePORT provides access to reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities that advance the mission of the NIH, including information on NIH expenditures, strategic plans, reports on NIH funding, and reports on

the organization and people involved in NIH research and research training. The RePORT website is located at <http://report.nih.gov>.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

#### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

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**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

#### **Agency Feedback Comments**

The agency provides annual feedback to the Board on the status of prior recommendations and interventions.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### **Action Comments**

The Scientific Director and other NIH officials use the recommendations made by the BSC in evaluating the quality of the intramural research programs including scientific priorities and resources available. The agency annually provides feedback to the Board on the status of prior recommendations and interventions.

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

NA

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO



Online Agency Web Site



Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



**Access Comments**

NA